THE THREE BIRDS.

"Fly over the enountaine," I said to the dove,
"Courte links of hariny and hav,
and tering me the talksman flower of Love."
But the down eighted, "It's too far away?"

But the eagle regiled, "It's too high!"

To the vulture I cried: "What is left wiit thou of this heart that can still hope and wait?

Don tear out the rest, for her image dwells
there!"

But the vulture made answer, "Too late!"

-Forester Henniker in Temple Far.

## MR. SMITH'S PLAN.

When Augustus Smith was engaged e a clerk by the great banking firm of rown & Blue he did not show any of the ingenious traits of character that subsequently made him famous. He was just an ordinary appearing young man and rather pale. He had a pair of shrewd, sharp gray eyes that might express much or little, just as it happened.

Young Smith worked hard and faithfully at his deak for a long time before he happened to come under the notice of the senior member of the firm. Brown was a man who fully realized his position in the financial and social world, and was never better pleased than when others did the same.

It did not take Smith long to discover his employer's weakness. And when he had discovered it he resolved to make use of it to his own advantage. Consequently he managed affairs so that he was obliged to come in direct contact with the senior member of the firm. That gentleman took no particular notice of the young man at the time, but Smith did not despair. He contrived other little schemes whereby it became necessary for him to speak with the old gentleman, and the result was that Brown soon know and began to notice

Smith made the most of those encounters, so that in a comparatively short time Brown began to think that Smith was a promising young man. He never made any boasts or took advantage of the senior member's regard, so that it only increased with time. Small wonder was it then that when Brown's private secretary died he-chose Mr. Smith out of all hisemployees to fill the place. It was in his capacity as private secretary that Smith first-called at his employer's home. Smith noted the evidences of wealth and wondered when he, too, should be able to maintain such an establishment.

One evening Smith accompanied his employer home from the office. A knotty financial problem had come up late in the day which needed to be settled before the next day. Brown did not care to attack the matter by himself. Blue was out of town, and there was no one left for him to call upon but Smith. And had be but acknowledged it to himself he believed that Smith's heain would work quicker and clearer shan that of any one else connected with

That was an eventful evening for Smith. In the first place he met the banker's daughter, and, having met her, immediately lost his heart. But he did not lose his head, which was one of the strongest points in this young man's composition. Smith had never been known to lose his head under the most trying circumstances. The present instance was no exception to the rule. Smith's heart beat so hard he thought every one in the room could hear it, but Smith's brain was cool and calm and calculating as ever.

Just what impression he made on the onng woman at that time he never enew. But apon each subsequent call he made at the house he was careful not to lose any ground.

Matters went on thus until Smith had declared his passion for his employer's daughter. She was a little shocked at first, though she had suspected that he loved her. She told him that she could not tell if she cared for him, and intimated to him that, as matters stood at the time, it was rather presumptuous in him to ask her. But she was so considerate as to promise not to tell her father of what his private secretary had saidat least not then. Smith's spirits were low, but his brain was active. And his active brain evolved a scheme which brought about the result he wished for.

He know a pilot on one of the pilotboats and proceeded forthwith to call upon him and request a service. He told the pilot what he wanted and that gentleman readily fell into the scheme. Smith also called upon the agent of a steamship line and obtained the agent's permission to sail down the bay on one of the big stemmships.

The same evening Smith called upon his lady love. His visits at the house never excited comment, because he generally managed to have some little business to perform in the library. He repented his declaration of love and asked the object of his affections to marry him. She refused. Smith attered a farewell and departed.

The next day he asked the sentor member of the firm for a month's vaca-Brown was inquisitive, so the young man told him that he wanted to take a run over to Europe and see some of the sights. Hrown was somewhat taken simek, for he always had an idea that his private secretary spent every cent he made about as fact as he could make it. When Smith told him that ho: had plenty of money with which to bear the expenses of the trip the old booker was more than pleased. He had been thrifty himself and liked to see the some tends in his stupleyees. And Smith wondered what his compleyer would say If he knew his private so reters's fillencial condition at that moment, for he head mothing more than his wook's otlary

Two days later all Smith's companions to the office stood on one of the Hobelieve pions and alterated and acrosmed and wored their has at Smith as he shoul on the after deck of a his ocean hast. They had come to see min mark for Europe. The last they saw of him that morning heath was waving his handlerchief to them from the results aids. And all the while he smiled in

the happiest mamer imaginable. When the steamship had possed down the Narrows and got out near Sandy Hook a pilothest came flying up to lier side. The steamship sischened speed, this phiciboni ran close under the side. and limith was lowered to the deck of the pilothest, where his friend greated him warmly. An hour later and Smith

was achore at Sandy Hook. From there one can believe that the Georgian won he made his way to the Atlantic Highlands, where, at a modest little hotel, he engaged a room for a month.

It was a week later that the banker was one night asked in a casual way by ils daughter as to the whereabouts of "Why, bless me," he replied; "I for-

got to tell you, didn't l? Smith has gone to Europe. I wish he had remained at home, because I miss him very much." When Miss Brown had been informed

as to young Smith's whereabouts, she was displeased. She did not really think he could go off in that fashion, with just a calm and formal goodby, she told herself. The more she thought of it the less she liked it. When three considerably shorter—as indeed befits a weeks had gone by she was quite sure race of horsemen. she had never meant to say "no" to Smith when he asked her to marry him. "If he'd only come back!" she would say to herself. "I never knew how much I cared for him until he went away." One evening her father came in and

Well, Smith will be back tomorrow and I'm glad of it. The business hasn't been run so smoothly since he went

From her father Miss Brown learned that the private secretary was expected in on one of the French steamships, and that most of the clerks in the banking house were going to the dock to meet

The French steamship which came up past Sandy Hook that morning was slowed down long enough to take aboard a pilot. And with the pilot came aboard another gentleman who, the pilot said, was a friend of his. The other was Smith, who had only that morning left the small hotel at which he had been staying and got aboard the pilotboat. He was attired in the costume usually affected by tourists. He had grown stouter and become bronzed during his stay at the Highlands.

When Smith had been greeted by his friends in the office the senior member of the firm invited him to dinner. He marked, and with approval, that Smith seemed more auxious to talk about business than the places he had visited in

They had reached the house, and Smith was passing toward the library. when he suddenly came face to face with Miss Brown.

"Oh, Gus-Mr. Smith," said she, startled for the moment into betraying herself, "I'm so glad that you have come back—because—because papa has missed you so much," she added. But Mr. Smith did not believe it was altogether on her father's account she was glad he had returned, and later in the evening inquired more particularly into

A short time afterward the signs on the banking house were changed. Thereafter they read, "Brown, Blue & Smith, Bankers."-New York Evening Sun.

He Makes Cyclones.

Professor Douglass has succeeded in manufacturing miniature cyclones and ternadoes by means of electricity, thus proving the electrical character of the 'prairie terrors." In carrying out his lans he suspended a large copper plate by silken threads and charged it from a battery. He then used arsenious acid same plane of existence" as themselves, and are to be treated accordingly. and electricity could be seen hanging from the under side of the plate in the form of a perfect funnel shaped cyclone cloud. When everything was ready the professor swung the plate and the miniature cyclone to and fro across a table littered with matches, pieces of paper, pens, pencils, etc. The lighter objects were instantly sucked up, the heavier scattered in all directions. The effects were exactly those of destructive

These curious experiments explain cyclonic phenomena. Low clouds become charged with electricity, descend and form a connection with the earth. Then a violent electrical commotion ensues, finally settling into a whirl which continues until an electric equilibrium is established.-St. Louis Republic.

He Was a Real Yankee.

During a local option election in a western town both sides had a challenge committee at the polls to see that no fradulent votes were sent in. A workingman with Celtic features offered his vote. An "optionist" committeeman challenged his vote. The Celt was sworn to truthfully answer the questions put to him.

"How long have you resided in this state?"

"About two years." "How long have you been in Independence?"

"Nearly a year,"

tion papers: "No. sir." "Police, take this man into custody

for attempting to cast a fraudulent An indictment was next in order, so it was thought best to ascertain the

exact nationality of the prisoner before

"Have you ever taken out naturaliza-

it was drawn. He was asked: "Of what country were you a native?" He answered: "Massachusetts,"-"The Sunny Side of

With His Uncle. Brace-Among my dearest treasures s a watch my father carried when he was a young man.

Hagley-Would you mind letting me. Brace-Certainly not; but it is temporatily in the presention of my er-father's brother. New York Sun.

Inhabitants of the Cancoun. The Georgians of the Caucasus are nice looking men-one or two decidedly handeense, in an unknight sort of way. Features of an oriental cast, but fair skins, gray eyes and remarkably broad, thick evelower are their most prominext chiese teristics. Looking at them,

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They carry three weapons-sword, dagger and pistols all of antique make, and for the most part elaborately inlaid with silver. The sword, or chmali, is very much curved, almost the shape of a Persian scimeter, with a beantifully worked haft. The dagger, or hanjall, is a weapon in the use of which they are peculiarly expert.-London Saturday

Searing a Wicked Boy.

One of the irrepressible small boys of the tough species started in to have some fun in a crowded car on the Sixth avenue elevated road the other night. He sat in the middle of the car and first attracted attention by mewing like a cat. Then he yelped like a dog and grunted like a pig. At first his noises caused a smile, but their persistent repetition caused annoyance, which in creased with each succeeding noise. The mewing, the yelping and the grunt ing became so aggravating that each man in the car felt that he would like to throw the boy out of the window. Manly dignity, however, forbade their getting into an altercation with a small

but with a muscular figure and a stern expression on her face. She tried for several minutes to silence the boy with frowns and gestures, but those were of no avail. When her patience reached its limit she stretched out one arm, and seizing the boy by the collar exclaimed in a wrathful voice: "See here, my lad, you stop your yelping and your grunting right away or I'll give you something to yelp and grunt for. Do you hear me?' The boy was as quiet as a kitten for the rest of the journey .-

boy. But there was one person in the car who was not restrained by manly

dignity. That person was of the femi-nine gender, a trifle advanced in years,

A Curious People.

New York Times.

A curious people have been described by Dr. Paul Ehrenreich as inhabiting the rivers Araguaya and Purus, in Brazil. These are the Karaya, the men and women of whom speak different dialects. Their love of animals, not a common trait in the savage character, is peculiar. Their villages, he tells us, resemble menageries. Dogs, fowls, cats, peccaries-beasts of a most unamiable character-parrots, even turtles, alligators and tapirs meet the astonished traveler. The natives do not look upon them as "lower animals." In their opinion these playmates are quite on "the Yankee Blade.

He Understood. Miss Mamie (as her father returns from the office)-Oh, there you are at last, you dear, sweet old thing!

The Dear, Sweet Old Thing-No you don't, Mame. You had a new twentydollar hat only two days ago, and now you've got to wait awhile,-Chicago News-Record.

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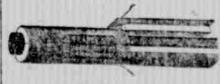
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